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C O N F I D E N T I A L BONN 16397

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PGOV, BQG, GE  
SUBJECT: GDR CIRCULAR NOTE ON BERLIN CITY COMMANDANT

REFS: A) BERLIN 5827 B) STATE 223968

1. AT THE SEPTEMBER 6 BONN GROUP MEETING, THE FRG REP (VON BRAUNMUEHL) ASKED WHAT THE ALLIES WERE DOING ABOUT THE GDR CIRCULAR NOTE ON THE BERLIN CITY COMMANDANT. THE THREE ALLIED REPS INFORMED HIM OF THE INTENDED RETURN OF THE NOTES.

2. VON BRAUNMUEHL RAISED THE QUESTION WHETHER THE FRG SHOULD DO THE SAME. THE CONSENSUS WAS THAT WHILE THE THREE ALLIES ARE THE ONLY ONES WITH LEGAL STANDING REGARDING EAST BERLIN, THEY WOULD PRESUMABLY WELCOME THE FRG AND OTHERS WHO SHARE OUR VIEW OF THE STATUS OF EAST BERLIN DOING THE SAME AS THE ALLIES. VON BRAUNMUEHL SUGGESTED THAT SUCH AN APPROACH SHOULD PERHAPS BE  
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COORDINATED, EITHER IN EAST BERLIN OR AT NATO. HE SAID NATO MIGHT BE BETTER BECAUSE THERE HAS BEEN IN THE PAST OBJECTION (FYI BY THE FRENCH) TO NATO COORDINATION ELSEWHERE THAN IN BRUSSELS. HE LATER TOLD US THAT THE FRG WOULD ALSO PREFER COORDINATION IN BRUSSELS.

3. WE SAID THAT WE HAD NOT HEARD THAT SUCH A COORDINATED

APPROACH WAS PLANNED BUT WOULD INQUIRE.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: VIEWS OF USNATO AND EMBASSY BERLIN  
ON PROPOSED COORDINATED RETURN BY OTHER NATO PARTNERS OF  
GDR NOTE AND DEPARTMENT'S GUIDANCE. MEEHAN

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